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Concerning those most Famous, Safe,
Cathartique and Diuretique
PILLS

Being an Incomparable Medicine in all
Chronical and Dangerous Diseases.

Wherewith was Cured

The Late Lord General *MONCK*
Of the DROPSIE, in 1669.

Many Hundreds before and since, having re-
ceived absolute Cure thereby.

They are also the only and most certain Purging
Remedy in the World against the Scurvy, and all
other Sharp, Salt, and Watry Humors.

Helps the Rings-Cbil, and causeth all Ulcers, Cancers,
and spreading Sores, the sooner to be made Whole.
They Purifie and Sweeten the Blood to Admiration,
and are never failing to prevent and perfectly Cure the
foresaid Distempers, if made use of in Time, and ex-
pels all those Poisonous Humors caused by taking of
Mercurial Pills, together with a Restoration of for-
mer Health.

Prepared and set forth only by

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One of His Majesties Physicians in Ordinary.

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Friendly Reader,

HAVING through the wonderful Goodness and Mercy of the Almighty God, by long Experience in searching the great Volume of Nature, by a diligent inspection, observing the property of each Distemper, with the Nature and occult Quality of Metals, Minerals, and Vegetables; many years since arrived to the knowledge, and true Preparation of these most *Excellent Pills*; whose transcendent virtues are very well known to many Noble and Honourable Persons throughout the whole Kingdom, &c. to be a Medicament so exceeding Rare, that admits no Rival for the real performance of the foresaid Cures; the neglect of which causeth great numbers of Men, Women and Children to descend untimely to their Graves. Therefore at first I did not only conceive it a Duty highly incumbent on me, but had special Command to let the World share with me in the Dispensation of so divine a Blessing; and so still presume to continue this Advertisement, to the intent my Country-men may understand how willing I am to *Communicate*, what I have received from the Author of all good things, not designing thereby to cheat my Country in creating a large Benefit to my self, but candidly and really to promote the Common Good, to help chiefly, as well as the rich, the meaner sort, who are not able to be at that vast expence in Doctors Fees, and long Courses of Physick, which do not only exhaust the Purse, maccrate and weaken the Body, but oftentimes destroys Nature, never by Art again to be restored: So whether you make use of my Pills or not, be sure to have a care whom you trust, and be not so ignorant as to believe every nonsensical idle Pamphlet cast about the Streets, the Authors thereof bragging what cunning Knacks they have newly invented to defraud the people, some of which the more to colour their fallacious Design, cause many to believe their Pills to be of the same nature as my Pills are of.

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Which great Secret and only Pill of this Age against the forementioned Diseases, &c. was solely of my own invention in the year 1661. which is not as yet known to any person whatsoever besides my self, my wife only excepted.

And for the wonderful Virtues and Cures really performed thereby, let the following instances serve for all.

 In 1666. Mr. James Perry, then living at the White Lion in Broadstreet in the City of Bristol, was sorely afflicted with the Dropsie, his Belly, Thighs and Legs, extremely swelled, and very hard, insomuch that he could not go: He had a great Cough, and Suffocation of the Lungs, loathed his meat, who for the space of seventeen weeks used all means imaginable, and had the advice of Fifteen Physicians; some caused him to be Cured, others used Scarification, &c. but took no effect; so they all left him for a dead man: Yet, by Gods Blessing with my Pills, caused him to evacuate by Stool at several times; about sixteen Gallons of discoloured Water; besides forced Urine freely, all his swellings forthwith abated, his Ulcers (unskillfully procured) healed, and he was perfectly cured in 36 days, but departed this life in the latter end of Summer in the Year 1671. and nothing else could be expected; since, notwithstanding friendly Admonitions and Cautions to the contrary, he fell to his old course of Drinking Brandy and other strong Liquors, by which means the malignity of his Distemper revived, and he expired. For 'tis an infallible Rule in Philosophy, *Eadem causa eundem producit effectum*: The same cause produceth the same effect; which Rule might have taken place for his great advantage, if he had consulted me again in time, used my Pills and Directions, as formerly. Therefore in kindness to all persons that have not an utter disregard to their own safety, by this Example I do Caution, that they (in as much as in them lieth) forbear the overmuch drinking of strong liquors, for be assured, upon my long Experience, that

under their conduct marcheth the Dropsie, Scurvy, Consumption, and other mortal Diseases.

Mr. Robert Liston living about the middle of the Shambles, in the City of Bristol, far gone in a Consumption and Dropsie, and had a Cough that sorely vexed him, was Cured with one 12 s. Box of my Pills.

Upon *Whitsunday* 1667. I was called to Mr. William Kinton, Coppersmith, formerly living at the Red Lion in *Castle-street* in the City of Bristol, who was troubled with the Dropsie, and extraordinarily swelled, especially in his Belly, and had a great Cough; was at last cured by two 8 s. Boxes of my Pills.

Mr. Richard Davies belonging then to the Sugar-house in *Temple-street*, in the City of Bristol, very far gone in the Dropsie, his Belly and Members much swelled, was cured in *Jan.* 1667. with a small quantity of my Pills.

About *June* 1668. Mr. Francis Adams then living with Mr. Tho. Linton at the Star-Tavern in Bristol, sorely afflicted with a Rheumatique Disease, and had thereby lost all the use of his limbs, and supposed to be without the least hopes of Recovery, was perfectly Cured with my Pills, and by sweating two or three times with my *Arcanum Vita.*

About *Easter* in the Year 1669. Mr. Peter Grant of Bristol, being brought exceeding low with the Dropsie, who also had a violent pain in his Stomach, his Breath very short, his Relations and Friends giving him over, having no hopes of life, aged near 60. He at last making use of about 16 s. worth of my Pills, was in a short time perfectly Cured.

Also Ann Esfridge aged near 22 years, in *St. Peters-street* in the City aforesaid, for want of her Monthly Sicknels, fell into a Dropsie, and so extremely swelled, that her Belly, Thighs, and Legs were ready to split, who for some time lay speechless, yet by Gods Blessing, with my Pills, was perfectly Cured.

One Phyllis Cullimore in *Wind-street* in the same City, aged near 50 years, her Monthly Courses had left her, and
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being full of extrementitious humours, fell into a violent Dropſie, &c. very much ſwelled, and in great pain, whom I cured in few weeks.

And for the future, to prevent ſuch Accidents, I counſel the Female Sex, about the time that thoſe are leaving them, to take ſome of my Pills (as directed in this Book) for certainly they have been found, and ſtill will be, the beſt Medicine under the Heavens, not only to prevent the Dropſie, but ſeveral Diſtempers that beget Mortality before the appointed time; which none ſhall paſs, neither can, then Phyſick takes the leaſt effect.

The Wife of Mr. *Arthur Baker*, in the Pariſh of *Cornball* in the County of *Gloceſter*, afflicted much with the Dropſie, and ſorely tormented with a *Spasmus*, a Diſeaſe in which the Sinews are drawn or pluckt up againſt the Patients will, was cured by my Pills, though in the Winter-time.

Mr. *William Underhil*'s Son, in the Pariſh of *Bitton*, five Miles from *Wiſtſol*, afflicted much with the Dropſie, was cured with two or three Boxes of my Pills.

Diborah Jones living in *Kingswood* near the City of *Wiſtſol*, much troubled with the Wind, Cough, Dropſie and Scurvy, was with my Pills, and *Arcanum Vita*, beyond expectation reſtored to her former health, the Pills bringing from her by Vomit a filmous ſubſtance the length of a mans hand.

Thoſe and many more notable Cures were effected in and adjacent to that Honourable City of *Wiſtſol*, before I was ſent for from thence to Cure His Grace, the late Lord General *W D R C R*, who by virtue of my Pills, in twenty eight days evacuated by Stool twelve Gallons of water, his Swellings all abated, and he became perfectly Cured, as you may underſtand by what follows, being a true Copy of the Certificate under his Hand and Seal.

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¶ These are to Certifie all towhom it may concern, that **Dr. WILLIAM SERMON**, Professoꝛ of Physick, was the Person, by Gods blessing, who did perfectly Cure me with much ease, and in a short time. Given under my Hand and Seal at New-Hall, this 12. day of July, 1669.

ALBEMARLE.

I have omitted here to insert the Case of the Duke of ALBEMARLE, as it was found in Dissection, Jan 4. 1669. believing all sober Persons are well informed, that his Grace was perfectly Cured by my Pills in June and July, 1669. and that at last he died not of the Dropisie; as many enviously Report. However, if there be any that are not satisfied of the Truth thereof, I refer them to read the Life and Actions of General Monck, p. 246, 254 476 written by that Reverend Divine Dr. Thomas Gumble, Chaplain to his late Grace.

About the latter end of July and the beginning of August, 1669. Captain Wodlow of the Sun-Tavern in Thred-needle-street, finding great benefit by my Pills, hath at certain times made use thereof ever since.

Near the same time Sir Henry Ford, a Member of the Honourable House of Commons, having for a long time an Indisposition of Body, no purging Physick agreeing with his Constitution, until he took of my Pills, by which he had present help, and upon occasion hath made use thereof to this present time.

Also Captain Anthony Langstone, living in South-Littleton near Evesham in the County of Worcester, very much afflicted with the Dropisie, had help by taking of my Pills, and not without good success, (being Pletorick, and extreme fat) do often make use of the same.

Mr. Edmund Saunders Barrester of the Middle Temple inclinable to the Dropisie and Scurbye, had help thereby, after which, being at Gloucester, sent for a 12 s. Box of my Pills, and gave them freely to the Wife of one Watkins in Wotton,

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Wotton, near the City aforesaid, by which means she was soon cured, though far gone in a *Dropſie*, ſince which time ſhe has enjoyed her perfect health, and hath had ſeveral Children.

Serjeant *Granger* in *Biſhop-head-Court* in *Grays-Inn-Lane* was cured of the *Dropſie* with two 12 s. Boxes of my Pills.

Mr. Lewis Reme, Painter to his Grace, *CHRISTOPHER Duke of Albemarle*, much troubled with the *Dropſie*, had help by my Pills.

Captain *John Wharton*, in *George-Yard* in *Kingſtreet Weſtminſter*, ſorely troubled with the *Dropſie* and *Scurby*, and very weak, was perfectly cured with two or three Boxes of my Pills.

Mrs. Dobſon at the *Jacob and Twelve Sons* in *Red-croſs-ſtreet*, had alſo help thereby.

Mrs. Seawel, in *Well-yard* in *Little St. Bartholomews*, very dangerously afflicted with that *Dropſie* called *Tympanites*, her Belly extremely ſwelled; ſhe had loſt her appetite, and was very weak; but through Gods Mercy, by taking of my Pills, was perfectly reſtored to her former health.

Nicolas Waight in *St. John's Court* in *Cow-Lane*, by reaſon of a great Surfeit cauſed by overmuch drinking, was reduced to a very weak condition, a violent Cough, and ſtopping in his Stomach; his appetite dejected, inſomuch that all his friends judged it impoſſible for him to live, who had remedy by taking of my Pills, with a Medicine of ſmall value that I directed for his Cough.

Richard Jenkins a Water-man living in *Lambeth-Marſh*, troubled with a violent pain and ſtoppage in his Stomach, inſomuch that he leached his Meat; and by taking two or three times of my Pills, cauſed ſeveral Worms to be voided upward, and much watery and ſlimy matter by Stool, ſorthwith became perfectly well.

Mr. John Brice Shoemaker at the *Half-Moon* in *Shear-Lane* near *Temple Bar*, long troubled with an Indiſpoſition of Body, and a violent pain and weakneſs in one of his Shoulders,

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Shoulders, had help by taking a Box or two of my Pills.

Mr. Brogdon at the Sign of the Horse-Shoe in the same Lane, much afflicted with the **Dzopfie**, was cured therewith in a very short time.

Mr. George Pearson molested with a violent Ague, after which he fell in a Dropsie, extremely swelled in his Belly, Thighs and Legs, and given over for a dead man, in a short time was perfectly cured with four or five 4s Boxes of my Pills. Of this great Cure you may be further informed by *Mr. Thomas Gunel* at the Christopher in *Duffins Alley* in *Kingstreet, Westminster*.

Mr. William Bart, now living in *White-Horse Court* without *Temple-Bar*, most dangerously tormented with the **Dzopfie**, his Face, Belly, Thighs, and Legs, &c. horribly swelled and puffed up; he was also Asthmatical, or troubled with shortness of breath, insomuch that it was thought he could not possibly live 48 hours; yet, through Gods Goodness, by taking my Pills according to directions, was perfectly cured in a short time, though before he had made use of all other means possible, and was purged sufficiently; (were that all) which takes too much with many people, especially those that are ignorant, what hurt **Purging Pills**, and hot strong **Purging Drinks** do, made with **Wzandy** and other pernicious Ingredients which touch not the peccant Humours, but absolutely destroys Nature.

When my Pills altogether work upon the offending Humours, and in both Sexes expel the same without the least danger; besides, they fortifie and strengthen the Liver, and all the rest of the principal Bowels; and that is the main reason, above all other **Purging Medicines**, they so effectually Cure the **Dzopfie**. So believe me and take them in time; and know that yet there is not extant the like Medicine.

Mr. Shipton, at the Horse-shoe over against *Clarendon-House*, that some years since was Cured of the **Dzopfie** by my Pills; hath been troubled with the **Gout** near 20 years.

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years: but these twelve months last past he hath not had one Fit thereof, (through the use of another secret Preparation of mine.) who before was scarce free one day in four years.

Mr. *Christopher Pond*, next door to the Maiden-head in *St. Johns-Street*, swelled and tormented with a violent pain in his Stomach, given over for a dead man, was perfectly Cured with my Pills.

Edward Allen Porter, near *Holborn-Bridge*, terribly afflicted with the *Dropsie*, *Scurvy*, and *Suffocation* of the Lungs, was perfectly Cured with two or three Boxes of my Pills.

Mr. *George Phillips* Mariner, living now in *Spring-yard* in Lower *Shadwel*, horribly tormented with the *Dropsie*, *Scurvy*, and *Yellow Jaundies*, *Catarrh*, and *Shortness of Breath* (in the winter season) was Cured with a small quantity of my Pills.

A Person of good worth, whose name I must conceal, through his over-much drinking of *Brandv*, was most horribly afflicted with the *Dropsie*, *Scurvy*, *Gout*, and *Palsie*, having such a relaxation and trembling in all his joints, that he was not able to help himself; was cured with four 4 s. Boxes of my Pills, who since, with much joy came to my house, and gave me thanks.

Mr. *John Overton*, at the *Cross-Keys* in *Gracechurch Street* sorely tormented with the *Dropsie* and *Black-Jaundies*, was perfectly cured with two or three 4 s. Boxes of my Pills, and eight papers of Powder which I directed.

A Merchants Wife of *London*, being long troubled with a grievous Pain and Stoppage in her Stomach, vvho had made use of several Medicines, though to no purpose; after vvhich making use of my Pills, especially three that she took *May 17. 1673.* which then by Vomit caused her to void a strange Worm, the body thereof square, and of a grasse-green colour, the neck round, and very white, and the head bloud-red; which so swiftly run about the Basin.

that it could hardly be taken; which put the Lady into a great fright: and the very next day sent it to me; and my advice was, that she would be so kind to herself as to take more of my **Pills**, by which means she became well and free from her former pain.

Of this great CURE you may be farther informed by Mr. George Calvert Bookseller, at the Half-Moon in St. Pauls Churchyard.

Near the same time Mr. *Phelps* a Butcher in *Redriff*, long troubled with a violent pain and stoppage in his Stomach, loathed his meat, and was so weak, that he could hardly stand: having a relaxation in all his joints, with violent pain; himself and friends having not the least hopes of life; complaining to my Brother, his Neighbour who forthwith gave him five of my **Pills**, that had lain up and down his house three or four years, yet they brought from the Butcher, by Vomit, abundance of filthy, corrupt, and stinking matter, upon which he became perfectly well, to the admiration of all that knew him.

Mr. Fitzherbert at the Bull at the upper steps in *Moorfields*, horribly afflicted with the **Dropsie** and **Scurvy**, &c. had perfect Cure in a short time by my **Pills**.

A Gentlewoman aged near 29 years, being married six or seven years, by reason of overmuch humidity or moistness of the Womb, could not conceive with Child; hearing of my **Pills**, she took two or three Boxes thereof, which caused her to evacuate much wind and water, and within three months conceived. I could give an account of several others that have received the like benefit.

More of that nature you may be pleased to read in my **Ladies Companion**, or **English Midwife**, sold by *Edward Thomas* at the *Adam and Eve* in *Little-Britain*.

Several persons sorely tormented with sharp Humors, molesting the **Nostrils**, **Palat**, **Mouth** and **Throat**, &c. some of which had been salivated, (but to no purpose;) have at last been perfectly Cured by taking three or four 4 s. Boxes
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of my Pills, with making use of either of the *Gargarisms*, made as followeth.

Take Wine-Leaves, of the **Tops**, when the **Leaves** are not to be had, the inward **Bark** of an **Elm-tree**, of each one handful, **Roch-Alum**, **Ginger** grossly beaten, of each half an ounce; **Album Græcum** one ounce; boil all these in two quarts of **Spring-water**, to the consumption of the third part, strain it, and sweeten it with **Honey** or **Syrup** of **Mulberries**, and gargle your **Mouth** and **Throat** often therewith, and with a **Syringe** cast it into the **Rectrils** warm.

We take **Plantan-water** eight ounces, **Honey** of **Roses**, and **Syrup** of **Mulberries**, of each two ounces, **Sugar** of **Lead** six drams, **Roman Vitriol** one dram, mixed together, and used as aforesaid, with the use of my Pills, will both preserve the **Nose** and **Palat** too, &c. Sometimes you may gargle with **Water** wherein a small quantity of **Crown-sope** is dissolved, for that is also of excellent virtue in old **Ulcers**, either in the **Throat** or **Palat**.

Mr. Joseph Heylock Servant to **Alderman Gray** of **Eastfield**, most violently afflicted with the **Dropsie**, and had a great **Cough** and **Suffocation** of the **Lungs**. He spent abundance of corrupt and tedious matter, and was left off by all for a dead man; and at last I cured him with three and twenty shillings worth of my Pills, though in the midst of his Cure, (as many have been to their utter ruin) was persuaded against me and the n, so that in plain terms he left me off for six weeks, but at length begged me to take him again, being very unwilling (when he had got a pair of Spectacles) to be persuaded to his Grave.

The Wife of **William Turner** Shoemaker, of **Clay-hill** in the Parish aforesaid, violently molested with the **Dropsie** and **Scurvy**, for the space of sixteen years, by reason of taking cold in lying in, &c. and by no means could have a Cure, until she made use of my Pills, which effected the same in a short time.

Mrs. *Mary Jones* the Wife of Mr. *John Jones*, now living in *East-Bargholt* in the County of *Suffolk*, very far spent with the *Dropsie* and *Scurvy*, and extremely swelled all over her head, face, arms, body, thighs and legs, and the swellings very hard; her legs were swelled above half a yard about, and sometimes her eyes would be p^ust up that she could not see; she was also troubled with a violent Cough, and a rising in her throat, insomuch that she was as it were suffocated or choked up; many times she was deprived of her Speech: She had a violent pain in her head, and oftentimes almost distracted therewith: Her condition was so dangerous, that she had made use of all the ablest Physicians that she could hear of, but found not the least benefit by them; and at length they all left her off, and said, that she could not live many days: And then it pleased God that she was directed to my Pills, which perfectly Cured her in two Months.

Mrs. *Brewster* of *Billericay* in the County of *Essex*, by reason of taking cold in Lying in, &c. fell into a violent *Dropsie*, and extremely swelled, and at length wholly deprived of the use of her limbs: Her Physicians and all Friends left her off for dead; but accidentally being directed by a worthy person, a Minister of the same County not long before Cured of the *Dropsie* by my Pills, to take thereof, was with four or five Boxes perfectly restored to her former health, (after a long time of misery) to the admiration of all her Friends.

Since which time Mrs. *Jones* hath had two or three Children: Mrs. *Brewster* one Child.

A Persons Daughter of Quality about eight years of age, never having the perfect use of her limbs, by taking twenty five 4s. Boxes of my Pills, in the space of two years received perfect help thereby.

Sarah Davis living in *Holbrook* in the County of *Suffolk* near *Ipswich*, about 40 years of age, that had not been out of her Chamber in six years, by reason of great weakness and

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and pain in her Limbs, by taking two Boxes of my Pills, could walk in a little time seven Miles, and continues in Pristine Health.

Elizabeth Hicks of *Arwarton* in the County aforementioned, about 11 years of age, sorely tormented with swellings, loss of appetite, and great pain in her Stomach, shortness of Breath, &c. had wonderful help through the use of my Pills.

Mrs. Constance Walsal, near the Bridge-foot in the City of *Rocheſter*, terribly afflicted with the *Dropsie*, her Stomach and Belly extremely swelled, and given over by all her Physicians and Friends for a dead Woman, and at last making use of five or six Boxes of my Pills, was perfectly Cured, to the admiration of all that knew her.

Several Gentlewomen molested with violent pains and great weakness in the Back, and much troubled with the White Flux, who have been left off past any hopes of Cure, have at last been perfectly Cured by taking of my Pills every second or third day. However to hasten the Cure, take upon the intermitting days, (that is, when you take not my Pills,) five first and last of the strengthening Pills: And also to cool the heat of the Reins and sharpness of Urine, if need require, (*notwithstanding taking of the Pills*) take of the cooling Liquor as of ordinary Drink: and forbear in such cases Wine and all other strong Drinks.

Which PILLS and Cooling DRINK are made as followeth:

Take Mastick, Red-Coral, Dragons blood, White Amber, of each two drams, two Nutmegs, Camphir two drams, Agnus Castus three drams, all reduced to fine Powder, made into Pills so big as white Pease, with Cyprus-Turpentine washed in Rose or Plantain-water.

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And for the Drink, Take Parrots, Plantain, Knot-grass, Shepherds Purse, the Bark of Black-thorn, of each one large handful; common Wallows, leaves and roots two handfuls. Boil them either in two gallons of Smiths water, or water wherein Iron hath been six or seven times quenched, or in new Milk, the Cream taken off, to the consumption of the third part, which strain, and sweeten with double refined Sugar.

This drunk as afore directed, will not only Cure the White Flux in women, but certainly the *Gonorrhea* or Running of the Reins in men, and so prevent the danger that often follows; which if you please to credit, you will have cause to give me thanks, as several have done, who before had almost ruined themselves in making use of Medicines put out by *mere nonsensical, idle, and impudent Fellows*, that endeavour to make the world believe that they have the Gift of Healing, and that Diseases of Antiquity are now discovered by them, which in truth is a Dishonour to the Honourable and Sublime Art of Physick, &c. Therefore *Nequid agas inconsulto.*

But imagin not, that I mention this to promote my Pills, for I must tell you, that I abhor any such thing, and were it not for the reasons aforesaid, I should trouble my self no farther; for there are so many Imitators, that the people scarcely know whom to trust, but if any please to make use of my Pills against the Scurvy, (*none in the world more proper*) it much broke out in Pustles or Scabs, after sufficient purging therewith, anoint the parts with the Ointment made as followeth,


Take Ointment of Roses three ounces, the white Ointment with Camphire two ounces, Sal Prunella one ounce, Mercurius Dalcis, Ginger, Burnt Alum, of each half an ounce, make it into an Ointment with Oil of Roses, and juice of Lemons, according to Art.

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But if it cannot be got, living remote from the Apothecary,

Take red Dock-Roots, the Buds or Leaves of Elder, of each two or three handfuls, Rosemary and Bay-Leaves of each two or three sprigs, Cloves one dram; being cut and bruised small, boil them with a sufficient quantity of May-Butter or Hogs-fat to an Ointment, after strain it, and add to every pound thereof two ounces of the fine Flower of Brimstone, and one ounce of Ginger, and anoint the Sores therewith.

 Captain John Pim of Hackthorn in the County of Lincoln, most horribly afflicted with the Dropsie, and Scurvy, his Body from the Stomach downwards, Belly, Thighs, Legs and Feet, most infinitely swelled, so that he could not in any measure help himself, but lay on his back in Bed, not able to turn therein, with a weight upon his Stomach to hold down the swelling, and to abate the violence of the pain, expecting every hour that his Body would have broke asunder, the course of nature being almost stopped, insomuch that he could not make water, to give the least ease; he had given himself over for death, and was supposed by all that saw him, to be a dead man, all thinking it useless for him to make trial of my Pills, though he had by the Post sent for them, but living in such great misery till they came he took two, and in few hours after had much ease, and received thereby the benefit of Nature; he continued taking them every night two at a time for ten days, then took three at a time for six weeks together, after which he could go about his house, and did increase in strength to help himself in all necessary occasions. He took eight or nine 4s. Boxes before his swellings were taken away, by reason his Liver, and

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and the rest of his principal Bowels, had received much damage before he had made use of my **Pills**.

He had at first a violent **Feber**, and after that a **Mus- tidian Ague**, then followed a **Tertian Ague**, attended with a Suppression of **Urine**, which was conceived (not without good reason) to be the cause of the **Dropsie**; he was also girt about with **Scitches**, and almost choked up with rough **Flegm**, his **Spleen** much swelled and very sore, with many other **Infirmities** too tedious now to insert: by taking fourteen 4s. Boxes of my **Pills**, in few Months was restored to his former health.

Mr. Michael Hobbs his Letter.

Noble Doctor,

BEING not known to you in the least, more than by the Description of the Book you have set forth for the taking of your **Pills**, which are for the Curing of the **Scurvy** and **Dropsie**; yet, Sir, I am bound in honesty and civility to give you many hearty and humble thanks for the great Cure (by Gods assistance) that your **Pills** have made upon my Son William Hobbs, who was sadly afflicted with the **Scurvy**, which had been growing upon him almost three years, and brought him so weak, that he could hardly go or stand, neither could he lie in his Bed, but set therein, being bolstered up with Pillows to keep him bending forward, otherwise his Breath would so much fail him, that he could not live, if he lay in his Bed as others do, and as now he doth: his Gums were almost eaten away, and

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he became so cold, that it was a great deal of care and diligence taken to keep heat within him for almost a quarter of a year; and then it was my fortune to light upon one of your Books, and after my self and Son had perused it, he had a very great desire that I should buy one of your 4 s. Boxes of Pills, and prepare him the Diet-Drink according to your Directions: so every thing being made ready, he began to take the Pills, and in twice or thrice taking, he found a little amendment, which made my self and wife much to rejoice: For none that saw him in his weakness, did think he could have lived, but all concluded he was a dead man. He followed taking the Pills, until he had almost taken the first Box; and still by degrees he mended: and then he desired another 4 s. Box, and by that time he had taken them, he was able to lie in his Bed, and to walk down out of his Chamber; then being so much taken with the Pills, he desired another Box of 8 s. and before that was taken, he was so well and lively, that now I do think he is near as strong as ever he was; and I judge there is hardly a stronger man in the Parish.

If any should question the truth of this my Letter, you may be pleased to shew it to Richard Dowdeswel Esq; one of the Members of the Honorable House of Commons, who knows the same to be true, so doth his Son, Mr. Charles Dowdeswel. Sir, I am but a plain Countrey man, and not able to express my self in such Language as you deserve, but my self, wife and Son do all pray to God to

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bless you in your Practice; and so humbly desiring that you would be pleased to write two words to me of the receipt of this, for I shall not be satisfied till I know that you have received our thanks for your brave Cure; some few of the 8 s. Box of Pills are yet remaining: Besides, two or three persons have taken thereof, and much good they have found by them. So I humbly take my leave and rest,

*London, near upton upon
Severn, Octob. 18. 1671.*

*Your most humble Servant
to serve you,*

MICHAEL HOBBS.

Mr. John Wear's Letter.

William Sermon,

T*Hese are to certifie thee and any other to whose view these Lines may come, that about the Eighth month, 1671. my body was afflicted with such a pain in my Stomach, and through the tediousness thereof, so bowed me down, that I could hardly bear my body up; at which time it came into my mind to make use of thy Pills, and took for the first dose five, about the fifth hour in the morning, being in my Bed; and about one hour after drunk one pint of very warm Ale; whereupon they began to work (procuring divers Stools, consisting of a slimy waterish stuff,) and my pain being much mitigated thereby, encouraged me to take the like Dose next morning in like manner, which operated no less than the former, and expelled out of my body, by Stool, abundance of Worms, in form like*

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like unto the Prickles of an Hedge-hog shaven off: So I forbore taking any more for a full Month; and then taking the like Dose, which operating like unto the former, expelled in operation no less number of Worms, of like form those the second Dose produced: and since that time through the mercy and goodness of the Lord to me, I have been as well as ever I was in my life; and have given this Testimony for the encouragement of all persons that may be troubled with the like Distemper, to make use of the same Pills; giving those to understand, that in the time of their working, I took but little food besides Broth. And so with my true Love to thee I rest and remain,

Thy loving Friend,

Bristol, the 22. of the
first month, 1672.

JOHN WEAR.

A Letter from Timothy Whittingham, Esq;
Noble Doctor,

BELIEVE me, Sir, I do congratulate your return from Bristol, and indeed you do engage me to be your Beadsmen wherever you be, for you no sooner came to London, but your kindness even then extends it self at large, in writing your advice to me about a distempered Spleen. Your former Medicaments were very good Remedies, and I found ease by them, and these latter shall be made use of as need require, for at present I am reasonable well of that Malady, notwithstanding I do Book (in perpetuum

petuam tui memoriam) and for the Benefit of Posterity your Therapeutick Medicines. Your Pills are now my only Physick, and I thank God and you, I find more good in them than in all the Physick I took in all my days, though I have been a constant Trader with the Doctors ever since before Twenty, and now I am entering in my grand Climaëterical year, and whereas I had upon me, even as I may too truly say, a Series of Diseases when first I begun with your Pills, viz. a dosen years Bleeding, very weakning, and a sad Distemper unto me, in which all the Doctors could do me no good, a radicated Scurvy, a begun Dropsie, with Shortness of Breath, an unexpected Gout, with Rheumatism; and now I can say, (to your everlasting Fame and Healing Pills) that the use of them hath quit me from Bleeding, taken away the Dropsie, and in some measure moderated the Scurvy, and mitigated the Running Gout and Rheumatism, which was still daring and threatening to seize upon me, against which your Pills are my only Guard and Defence, and I am sure keeps away the violence that otherwise would seize me, as I have two years by-past, felt to my sorrow. Well, Sir, let me now retract and recollect my thoughts. Have you done all this and more for me? and shall not I seek to serve you in what I may? surely if I should not, I should gain to my self that most odious and hateful name of Ingrateful. I perceive by my Son that you desire to have your Pills in Newcastle and Sunderland, but as I am informed,

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formed, in promptu causa est, there are too many Physicians there, who are always ready to vilifie, and like Beadles, to whip out of their Town such general and hardly failing Medicaments; though to my own certain knowledge, I have known some of them administer to their Patients your Pills, yet tacitly as their own Physick. Kind Sir, command me farther, I pray, that I may paulo majora canere, and that you may be really and truly satisfied that I am ready to do my utmost for you, and all too little to requite what you have spontaneously done for me. Sat prata biberunt. I am Sir,

Yours obliged,

Holmside, Decemb.

28. 1673.

TIMOTHY WHITTINGHAM.

Mr. William Leader of Saffron Walden in the County of Essex, much troubled with the Scurvy and Dropsie, his teeth loose by reason of sharp humors, who had made use of Pills which took not the least effect, but poisoned his Body, and caused him to swell the more, and at last being perswaded to make use of my Pills, that caused him to evacuate abundance of corrupt, salt, sharp and watry Humors, by which means he was in a short time restored to his former health, and in April 1674. came to London to give me thanks;

Which hundreds that have perished under the same burthen might have done, had they not been fickle-minded, and till too late over-ruled by them that cannot without my Pills cure the Dropsie. For not long since I received a Letter from a Gentleman out of the North parts, who

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who acquaints me that formerly he had taken of my Pills, and not without good success; but before he was Cured, he was persuaded to make use of other Pills (*every Town now full*) which he attempted till he had almost destroyed himself, and now he is fell again to take of my Pills to his great satisfaction, and questions not his perfect Cure, with my other Directions, though violently molested with a scorbutical, sharp, salt humor breaking out over all his body, much like to a Leprosie.

Very lately I had information from a worthy Person that sells my Pills in the West Country concerning a Gentle-Woman that had been long afflicted with the Dropsie and Scurvy, her Legs much broke out, and run so much that the Issues could not be stoppt by all the Art of her Physicians, and was left for dead; and being persuaded by a person of good worth to make use of my Pills, was with two Boxes thereof to Admiration perfectly cured. Had I but liberty, I could inform you of hundreds that have been cured by my Pills, when others have gone away with the honour of the Cure.

YET notwithstanding all these real truths, some will not be persuaded in time to make trial of what may conduce most to their preservation: Others there are that dare not make use of my Pills, unless by stealth, for fear of offending Mr. Malice the Old Doctor, or some of his Emissaries, who will admit of nothing well done, but what they do themselves.

Moreover my Pills are the only proper Medicine in all cases where Purging may be necessary; for they cleanse the Bloud and Bowels from all putrid corrupt, crude and undigested humors, leaving behind them no sculent or foul matter, and having no Mercury, nor other poisonous Mineral in the whole Composition, are most effectual against violent pains in the Head, Breast, and Stomach, extreme Stoppage and Windiness thereof; and causeth an Appetite when dejected or lost: they open the

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Obstructions of the Liver and Spleen, and expel all superfluous humidity, and that from the womb, being oftentimes the cause of non-conception; they are the only Pills to purge the Reins, they provoke Urine, hinder the generation of the Gravel and Stone in the Kidneys, strengthen the Vessels Spermatick, and are well known to help the *Gonorrhoea* of all kinds, (commonly without the use of astringent Medicines) being most safe, according to that Authentick Aphorism, *Sublata causa tollitur effectus*.

They are also of excellent use for such that are Plethorick and inclinable to overmuch fat, and for those that drink too much, being taken two or three, though in the midst of drinking (*neglect them not if you fear a Surfeit*) for they do not only cause plentiful evacuation, where there is cause (more especially at such times) but preserve the Brain, Stomach and Bowels, from the danger apt to follow such courses.

In the *Dropsie* and *Scurvy*, by a magnetick virtue they attract or draw all wary humors forth of the Blood, and all other parts, by the Pores into the Intestines, and so carry them off by Stool. They strengthen the Liver, from the coldness and weakness of which most Dropsies proceed: They operate by Stool and Urine; a large Dose, which is but five Pills, causeth sometimes the Patient to vomit, especially where the Stomach is become weak, or much stopped with slegm, &c. for they are like to a diligent active Beadle, they wait upon all malignant and extravagant Humors, never leaving them till they are out of the Corporation. In a word, they cure the aforesaid Distempers when all other Medicines fail. They retain their virtue for many years, and are absolutely the choicest Medicine under the heavens for Mariners and such that use the Seas, for Soldiers and others that travel much; for they do not only Cure sudden Accidents, but prevent most Diseases (more especially) when they are taken as soon as there is perceived an Indisposition

disposition of body; for if they do not at once or twice expel the Distemper, they lessen the malignity thereof, and so gradually restore the Patient (as it were) from death to life.

Therefore I counsel not only Hydropical and Scorbicular persons, but others (especially those that inhabit near the Fens, moist and foggy places, and where great Floods often happen) to make use of my *Pills*; for they have been found beyond all Medicines to purifie and sweeten the Bloud, and to expel all poisonous vapors effecting the same, so preserveth vigor and health to old Age.

And that for the future, none may be ignorant of the *Dropsie* and *Scurvy*, when seized upon them, and so neglect the use of those *Pills* (the most absolute remedy) till too late, I have thought requisite to demonstrate the true Symptoms or Signs thereof, which according to the best Authors and my long experience, are as followeth,

In that *Dropsie* called *Ascites*, the whole Body is swelled up, and if it be but stricken, there is heard such a kind of sound as a Bottle maketh that is not full of water; but the other parts, especially the upper, are not swelled nor puffed up.

In that *Dropsie* called *Hydrops*, the Belly is puffed up and extended forth; and being stricken, it maketh a noise much like to a Tabour or Timbrel, but the other parts of the Body grow lean.

In that *Dropsie* called *Anasarca*, all the whole Body becomes loose, and as it were like to a Sponge; so that it swelleth up, and is like a dead body.

In most *DROPSIES*, the Feet, Ankles and Legs, commonly swell first, (sometimes the Belly and Privy-members,) so that if you thrust your fingers thereon, the part will pit and leave an impression. The colour of the Skin is pale and earthy. The Urine litle and thick, and sometimes very red, &c. the Breath short,

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short, the Stomach lost, a troublesome Thirst by reason of the sharpness and saltness of the Humor, in which the Stomach swimmerh, and (if not prevented in time) then follows a lingering Fever, from the corruption of the water, which at length doth corrupt all the bowels swimming therein.

The Symptoms or Signs of the Scurvy, are as followeth,

AN evil savour of the mouth, tumefaction and bleeding in the Gums, corrupt or rotten black and loose Teeth; spots in the Face, Body, Thighs and Legs: sometimes they are red, at other times yellow, leaden-coloured, or black, according to the constitution and evil state of the body.

There is also great weakness in the joints, pains in the shoulders, sides, hips, thighs, knees and legs, &c. more especially on the Shin-bones, disability to walk; upon a sudden their breath fails, and becomes very short; when they use but the least motion, when they offer to rise or sit but upright, they are ready to die, their spirits so much fail them; and for the most part are greedy of meat, and desire to eat often. The stomach hardly found failing; but the belly often costive or bound; and yet I have known many subject to a continual Flux; and sometimes the spots in the Legs do swell; and in some the Legs become so much ulcerated, that the Shin-bones lie bare; which Disease, if not timely prevented (that I am assured my Pills will do) in some constitutions will turn into a Leprosie; for the spots resolve into a black kind of Scales, &c.

The Symptoms or Signs of the *GOUT* and Venereal Distemper, differs much from those in the Scurvy, which you may please to read in a Book lately published by me, called *A Friend to the Sick or Honest Englishmans Preservation*, sold also by *Edward Thomas* Bookseller, at the *Adams* and *Eve* in *Little Britain*.

The Manner and Order how to take my PILLS is as followeth :

A Child from one year of age to five, may take half a Pill or somewhat more.

From five years of age to ten, twelve or fifteen, one or one and a half, or two if need require.

The weaker sort of Men and Women, or persons that a small quantity of Physick will work with, may also begin with one or two.

The stronger may take three or four, &c.

Either of which quantity may be taken at night last, or after your first sleep, or about Four or Five of the Clock in the morning, and sleep thereon: For

Observe that one or two of my Pills taken at night going to bed, by reason of sleeping thereon, doth operate more effectually than three or four taken in the morning, not sleeping after them: Or

The weaker sort may take one at night and two in the morning: the stronger two at night and three in the morning; provided what you take at night doth not sufficiently operate by Seven or Eight in the morning. But in the Spring and Summer always take them going to bed, and in the Winter in the morning about Four or Five of the clock, lest by rising you take cold.

You may swallow them as they are, or in the Pap of an Apple, Skia of a Raisin, or with a little Beer or Ale, Claret, White-wine or Sack.

Every day, every second or third, the greater occasion the oftner, if strength permit.

Such that cannot take Pills so large, may cut them and make two in 30 or 40, and mix them with a spoonful of Syrup of Roses, Violets, or with any other Syrup, and *then perhaps you will not think them too dear.*

You need not drink Posset or Broth, as with other Physick, unless your Constitutions are very hot, and more than

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than ordinary dry, which sometimes hinder their Operation. If so, then you may drink after them a good draught of warm Ale, Veal-broth or Posset-Drink, wherein hath been boil'd Flowers or green Leaves of Damask-Roses, or sweetned with the Syrup thereof.

These **PILLS** may safely be taken in any season of the Year, (*the Dog-days not excepted*) by all Sexes and Ages; unless Women with child, who are forbid till 3 or 4 months gone:

AND be assured these are the PILLS (if made use of in time) that to your content, will do your work, and above all are most desired by the wiser sort, though sometimes they that have not a care what they read, are cheated by the foresaid Imitators, all pretending now to Cure the Dropsie.

If my *Pills* become hard furred or musty before you take them, rub them with a clean Cloth, and roul them between your Fingers, and they will not be in the least the worse, but work as well, as if newly prepared, though you have had them by you many years.

And during the time of taking them, (especially such that have the Dropsie and Scurvy,) make use of the following Liquor, and drink as little other as possible; though my **PILLS** will perfectly effect the Cure without it; yet that is far more proper in such cases than ordinary Drink.

Take the bark of Elder, red Sage, Ground-Ivy, or the herb called Ale-hoof, Smallage, Fennel-roots. Aron-roots, Scurvy-grass, Polypody of the Oak, of each half a pound, the best Juniper-berries one pound, Ginger half an ounce, cut and bzuise all these, and tie them up into a thin cloth, and hang them in an earthen Stein, and pour thereto 6 or 7 gallons of new Ale or Beer, or such that are able, may add some Rhenish or White-wine, so let it work together: when it is fit to drink, you may drink a good draught first in the morning, and last at night. And if there be an appetite, eat any thing of light digestion, though the **Pills** have not done working, and walk about your occasions, if the season be not too cold. The

The Patient troubled with the *Scurvy* alone, my *Pills* will be (*above all*) sufficient, if he eats in the use thereof but good store of Oranges, or drink first and last of the Liquor made as followeth :

Take White-wine, Juice of Oranges, Juice of Scurvy-grass, of each alike mixed together. The Dose is three Spoonfuls warm, notwithstanding taking my *Pills*.

Such that have the *Dropsie*, and extremely swelled in the Belly and Privy Members, through Wind, &c. may take once or twice a day, one dram of the following Powder, either in the Liquor directed, p. 27. or in White or Rhenish Wine, which in such cases will help forward the Cure.

Take the Seeds of Cicory, Ash-keps, Bur-dock, red Pettles, Parsley and Alexander, of each half an ounce, Sweet Fennel-seed two drams, the Roots of Pellitory of Spain one dram, all reduced to fine powder take as afoze directed.

And that no more may be deceived in buying of other *Pills* for mine, so many of late scattered abroad by some that are no Physicians but cunning Sophisters.

Take notice that my *Pills* are gilt with Gold, and sealed up with my Seal in Wooden Boxes.

The Numbers and Prices are as followeth,

- { The least Box containing twenty *Pills*, sold for 4 s. }
- { The middle Box containing forty *Pills*, sold for 8 s. }
- { The large Box containing sixty *Pills*, sold for 12 s. }

Which *Pills* shall not only be delivered with this Book, (and farther Directions if need require) at my own house,

But by my Trusty Friend Mr. Edward Thomas Book-seller, at the *Adam and Eve* in Little Britain.

At Major Nathanael Brooks at the Angel in Corn-Hill.

Mr. Robert Horn at the South Entrance of the Royal Exchange.

Captain Newman's Coffee-house in Talbot-Court in Grace-church-street.

Mr.

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Mr. *Edward Brewster* Bookseller, at the Crane in *St. Paul's Church-Yard*.

Mr. *John Massam* at the Swan on *Snow-Hill*.

Mr. *John Place* Bookseller, at *Furnivals-Inn-gate* in *Holborn*.

Mr. *Charles Harper* at the Flower-de-luce in *Fleet-street*.

Mr. *William Crook* Bookseller, at the Green-Dragon without *Temple-Bar*.

Mr. *William Cadman* Bookseller, at the Entrance into the *New Exchange*.

Mr. *Edmund Yeamans* Millener in *Hollystreet* in *Clare-market*.

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Mr. *Robert Shipton*, at the *Horse-shoe* over against *Clarendon-*

Mrs. *Ann Michael* in *Westminster Hall*. (house.)

Mr. *John Sermon* at the *Golden-Fleece* at the *Cherry-Garden-stairs* in *Redriff*.

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Mr. *John Jones* Bookseller in the City of *Worcester*.

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Mrs. *Priscilla Stephens* Bookseller, in the City of *Bristol*.

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Mr. *John Courtney* Stationer, over against the *Poultry-Cross* in the

City of *Sarum*

Mr.

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Mrs. *Ann Mitchel* Bookseller, in the City of *Chichester*!
 Mr. *William Young* Grocer, in the City of *Rocheſter*.
 Mr. *Richard Monk* in the City of *Carlisle*.
 Mr. *Edward Chriſtian* Shoemaker, in the City of *Canterbury*.
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 Mr. *Edward Watſon* of *Stockton* in the Biſhoprick of *Durham*.
 Mr. *John Halk* in *Chelmsford* in *Effex*.
 Mr. *Chriſtopher Forſter* in *Binbrook* and at his Shop in *Louth*,
Lincolnſhire.
 Mr. *Jeremiah Tomlinſon* Bookseller, at his Shops at *Warrington*,
Wiggan and *Leverpoole*, *Lancaſhire*.

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Mr. Christopher Nowel of Preston in the County of Lancaster.

Mr. Walter Hammond Bookseller, in Marlborough.

Mr. William Westoner and Mr. Robert Lloyd at the Grey-Hound in Croydon.

Mr. John Cox Ironmonger, of Stourbridge in the County of Worcester.

Mrs. Abigail Arden in Sherburn in the County of Dorset.

Mrs. Eleanor Clark at the Red Lion in Tiverton in the County of Devon.

Mr. Thomas Day of Stenning in Suffex.

Whosoever are troubled with the Gout, Rheumatique or Venereal Disease, or with any other horrible pains, may please to make use of my *Arcanum Vita*, which is not only a secret Preparation of *Gum Guajacum*, but a Compound of many other rare Specificks, which is sold by me for 12 d. the Dose, and may safely be taken as followeth,

The weaker sort after Purging six or seven times (more or less) with my Pills, may take half the Dose, the stronger the whole Dose, either in *Carduus*, *Centaury*, or *Rosemary Pesset-Drink*, and Sweat for several days together, if need require. But be sure to purge with the foresaid Pills in that Course, sometimes if the Body become costive or bound, (and omit that day to sweat;) and have a care that you take not Cold.

This Method being truly observed, the Patient need not question the Cure of the forementioned Distempers, if not of too long continuance. For my Pills alone have often Cured the GOUT by expelling the acrimonious, sharp or fretting Humor, &c. often the cause thereof.

Such that are troubled with violent Pains in the Head, either from Vapors or from the use of Mercurial Physick, take of my Pills twice or thrice a week for some time together, in which course make use of the following Liquor:

Take Betony 3 handfuls, Balm one handful, Rosemary 3 or 4 sprigs, and boil them in 3 quarts of Spring-water to the

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the consumption of the third part; then strain it and sweeten it with Sugar-candy, and drink a quarter of a pint hot first and last, notwithstanding taking of the *PILLS*.

I shall here add one thing more to the virtue of my *Pills*, which be assured of, that they are also the best *Pills* in the world, if taken one, two or three at a time, by those that drink the Waters either of *Naisborough, Tunbridge, Epsom, Dulwich, Barnet, Bath, &c.* for they do not only by their calefactive virtue carry off the Coldness, Crudity or Rawnels of the ~~Waters~~ *(that oftentimes have proved destructive, especially to those of cold Stomachs and inclinable to the Dropisie and Scurvy)* but hastens the Passage thereof through the Body, adding to its virtue in several degrees, which many can testifie *(notwithstanding the drinking the Waters)* have been rescued from death by the use of my *PILLS*.

I have my self upon all occasions for 14 years made use of no other purging Pill; therefore I counsel such that are able not to be without, but have in readiness by them some small quantity; for they may be safely taken either day or night, and in any season of the year, in the greatest or suddenest danger, where disloading the Stomach and Bowels is necessary, as in all Surfeits through excess, either in eating or drinking, &c. They are also most excellent for the Good-Fellow that is subject to Reaching and sower Belching in the Morning.

And whereas there are several that practise *Physick*, whose Names are so near mine, that they are often taken for me, and I for them; again take notice that I write my name *Sermon*.

From my own House at the two Black Posts in Eastharding-Street between Fetter-Lane and Shoo-Lane, LONDON. Where you may not only have Directions, but if you please Secret Remedies of my own Preparation most certain in the Cure of any other Disease, *(the Venereal without Salvation)* with speed and safety.

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